

ANZA-BORREGO DESERT STATE PARK® WILDFLOWER UPDATE 3-9-2009

- With the warmer temperatures this past week, the flowers are really out. A short stroll away from the car into the fields reveals many colors and variety of flowers. The mouth of Coyote Canyon at the end of DiGiorgio has Brown-Eyed Primroses, California Evening Primroses, Dune Evening Primroses, and Verbena. As you continue up towards Desert Garden, look for Desert Lilies, mixed in with Lupine, Desert Dandelions, Popcorn Flowers, Fremont Pincushions, Desert Sunflowers, Brittle Bush, and Chicory.
- Along Henderson Canyon you will see yellow fields of Desert Sunflowers. As you approach Peg Leg there a large patches of Sand Verbena mixed with Dune Evening Primrose. Walking a bit higher up the hill away from the road you can find Sand Blazing Stars. Also look for Lupine, Brown-Eyed Primroses, Brittle Bush, and Spanish Needles. Continuing east on Henderson you will find Lupine all along the roadsides.
- Little Surprise Canyon is really living up to its name this year and a short walk up there will reveal a wide variety of flowers. There is a nice display of Ghost Flowers going up the canyon wall near the beginning in the left fork. Proceeding up the main trail you will see Desert Poppy up the canyon walls. While you are walking look for Whispering Bells, Sand Blazing Star, Fagonia, Phacelia, Fiddleneck, Chicory, Pincushion, Wishbone, Chuparosa, Desert Lavender and many other varieties as new flowers are blooming every day.

The map for the information below is on the main web page titled: Flower Map for Entire Park

- Walking from the Visitor Center to Palm Canyon Campground and up the Palm Canyon Trail look for Chicory, Brown-Eyed Primroses, Popcorn Flowers, Desert Dandelion, Wishbone, Chuparosa, Brittlebush, Cheese bush, Phacelia, Little Gold Poppy, Fiddleneck, Spanish Needles, and Desert Lavender blooming. Off to the side you might also find some Barrel Cactus blooming.
- (5) Arroyo Salado has Desert Lilies and Lupine popping up.
- If you head up Buttes Pass Road towards the Slot look for Desert Sunflowers, Brown- Eyed Primrose, Lupine, Chicory, Popcorn Flower, Ocotillo, and Desert Lilies At the entrance to Hawk Canyon there are fields of Desert Dandelion, and as you continue in, look for Pincushion, Brown-Eyed Primrose, Lupine, Brittle Bush, Desert Lavender, and Verbena.
- Heading into the Fish Creek area of the park look for fields of Brown-Eyed Primroses, and Desert Sunflowers as well as Desert Lilies as you proceed into the Split Mountain area.
- Along S-2 in the south end of the park near the Carrizo Overlook, look for Desert Dandelions and Brittle Bush extending up the hillsides and Lupine, Verbena, and Chicory along the road. If you go to the Overlook keep your eye out for Golden Desert Trumpet and Desert Five-Spot.
- On the road into Bow Willow there are clumps of Phacelia as well as Chicory, Desert Dandelions, Desert Lilies, Chuparosa, Desert Lavender, and Popcorn Flower.

On your way into the park on any of the major highways, especially from the east, look for Desert Dandelions, Brittlebush, Desert Sunflower, Creosote, and Lupine along roadsides